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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF JAMAICA FOR
HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, glanders, dourine, epizootic lymphangitis, and contagious equine metritis (CEM).
2. The animals originated from premises clinically free of equine rhinopneumonitis, equine infectious anemia (EIA), mange, encephalomyelitis, equine influenza, ulcerative lymphangitis, and equine viral arteritis. No cases of these diseases have been reported within a 15 mile radius during the 60 days prior to embarkation.
3. The animals were inspected and found free of any clinical evidence of infectious and contagious diseases.
4. The animals were born and raised in the United States, or have been resident there for the past 12 months. (The animals must be accompanied by a registration [birth] certificate.)
5. The animals were kept separate from other horses not of equal health status for at least 21 days prior to shipment.
6. The horse/s was/were not vaccinated against equine viral arteritis (EVA).

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals must be negative to the following tests prior to embarkation within the time periods specified:

1. Equine infectious anemia: AGID (Coggin's) test within 6 months of embarkation
2. Piroplasmosis: Complement-fixation (CF) test at a 1:5 dilution within 30 days of embarkation
3. Contagious equine metritis: culture within 30 days of export
4. EVA: Any official test within 60 days of export.

VACCINATIONS

1. The animals must be vaccinated for western and eastern equine encephalomyelitis (WEE and EEE) not less than 30 days prior to export. (Indicate date of vaccination and products used on the health certificate).
2. The animals must be vaccinated for equine influenza using an inactivated multi-strain vaccine (A1 and A2) within 3 months of export.
3. The animals must be vaccinated for rhinopneumonitis using an inactivated vaccine, giving 2 doses 30 days apart within 60 days of export.
4. The animals must be vaccinated for tetanus.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. A prior permit must be obtained from the Director, Veterinary Division, Ministry

of Agriculture, Hope Gardens, Kingston 6, Jamaica. New health requirements may be included on the import permit. The permit must accompany the horses to Jamaica

2. No fodder or litter shall be imported with the animal unless it originated from and was transported directly from the country of origin.
3. The horses may be quarantined upon arrival at Kingston, Jamaica, at the owner's expense. Kingston is the only permitted port of entry.
4. At least 2 week's notice of prior arrival must be given to the Director of Veterinary Services.
5. The horses must be imported directly from the United States.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, the USDA port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificates the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.